(b) the date on which the said report was presented by the Committee;

(c) what action has been taken by Government on the findings of the report of the Committee; and

(d) if not, the reasons of delay and by when the decision is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) A pilot study conducted by the Engineering Department of Air India in 1992 revealed that 948 spare parts/items worth Rs. 11·75 crores were not traceable. Air India Management constituted an Investigating Committee consisting of representatives from the Finance and Accounts, Stores & Purchase and Engineering Departments of Air India to look into the matter. The Committee took up 362 items worth Rs. 10·05 crores for investigation and submitted 6 reports between December, 1992 and July 29, 1993. As a result of the investigations, 340 items of spares valued at Rs. 9·71 crores were traced back. The Board of Air India in its recent meeting has directed the concerned departments to continue efforts to locate the balance spare parts; this process is likely to take some more time.

Tourism policy submitted by Andhra Pradesh

162 SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a new tourism policy to the Union Government giving major thrust in the developoment of the tourist centres in the State by involving the private sector including NRIs;

(b) if so, the main features of the policy submitted by the State Government; and

(c) the amount of aid and assistance provided or proposed to be provided to the State Government in implementing the policy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of the policy are given at Statement (See below).

(c) Central financial assistance is provided on receipt of a specific proposal based on certain guidelines, inter-se priority, availability of funds and merit of the projects.

Statement

The main features of the Tourism policy

1. The State Government encourages creation of additional accommodation and tourism-related facilities at notified Special Tourism Areas.

2. The private sector (including NRIs) are encouraged to set up star hotels/janata hotels and motels at tourist centres to cater to all classes of tourists.

3. The private sector is encouraged to set up amusement parks, water sports and other recreational facilities.

4. The State Government emphasises the need to preserve and conserve archaeological and historical sites of tourist importance.

5. A renewed thrust is being given to Wildlife Tourism that would expose tourists to the State's many species of flora and fauna.

6. To promote tourism in its diverse forms, the State Government encourages water

sports, trekking, rock-climbing, angling and adventure tourism through the active association of youth organisations and other non-governmental agencies.

7. Places of heritage monuments can be further developed into cultural-cum-recreational centres.

8. The creation of tourist infrastructure at hill stations is being specially emphasised.

9. The creation of facilities for tourists at stop-over points that link pilgrim destinations and tourist destinations.

10. The organising of Tourism Festivals annually and craft melas for the promotion of handicrafts, art and culture.

11. A high-power group under the leadership of the Minister for Tourism will review developmental programmes and progress made from time to time and advise the Government on fresh measures to be taken up for promotion of touroism. In addition, District Tourism Promotion Committee are being constituted in each district under Chairmanship of District Collector, to involve local agencies at the district level in development of tourism and to play an coordinating role in bringing departments together.

12. Tourists will be provided with authentic information information through various communication material (brochures, folders video films) to be supplied by the State Government.

13. Osmansagar, Shamirpet and Sathamcheruvu have been identified at ideal locales to establish amusement parks, recreational and shopping complexes, landscaped gardens, water fountains and golf centres.

14. Beach resorts and nearby locales have also been identified for setting up of water sport facilities and recreational complexes with catering and accommodation facilities.

15. Buddhist Centres, some of which are under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India and some under the control of the State Government, need to be developed to attract Buddhists from all over the world. The State Government encourages providing tourist amenities at these Buddhist Centres.

16. The State Government encourages private entrepreneurs to actively participate in the development of the tourism sector with special reference to upgradation of existing infrastructure and the quality of service.

Delayed flights

163. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has een drawn to the report published in the Times of India dated 28th January, 1995, under the caption "Plight of passengers of delayed flights"; and